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ABOVE JESUS ON THE
CROSS THERE WAS AN
INSCRIPTION THAT READ,

“This is the
King of the Jews.”

Luke 23:38

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NOVEMBER 24, 2019
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2019 • Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ancient Israel understood God to be the only “King” that they needed. As time went on, human envy and insecurity crept in, and they wanted a king like their neighbors, an earthly king who would lead them to greatness. God’s people came to depend upon and find their strength in frail humanity rather than their faithful Creator. When that failed, they hoped for a human Messiah King to give them back that fragile sense of security. We can understand, perhaps, their confusion upon encountering the powerfully gentle and gloriously humble Jesus.

THE KING OF HEARTS

Are you aware that today’s joyous feast is not even one hundred years old? In his 1925 encyclical *Quam Primas*, Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King. Remember what the world was like in those days—the rise of nationalism and secularism in Europe and un-Godly false prophets, leading inexorably to the Passion of the Holocaust and wide-ranging martyrdoms. No wonder the pope was anxious to show the

world a true King! Saint Luke today goes straight to the heart of kingship, of a king’s devotion to his beloved people. In this topsy-turvy kingdom, we see not a king decked in power and glory, but the crucified “King of the Jews” who robes himself in the suffering of a sad and lonely world. His forgiveness and heart-breaking love throughout his passion is a hard act for humans to follow, and yet Jesus gives us his life and death as a model. And then he tells us that, along with the “good criminal,” we will be with him “in Paradise.” What more could we ever ask?

It is fitting that Pius’ encyclical ties this royal feast to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This King who gave his heart to humanity in the sacrificial love feast of Good Friday gives his heart every day to a broken world still trying to figure out who he is.

Today’s Readings: 2 Sam 5:1–3; Ps 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5; Col 1:12–20; Lk 23:35–43

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Masses for the Week

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NOV. 23 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **John & Margaret Lubic†**
 (Phil & Loretta Remke)

NOV. 24 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Inez Rakoski†**
 (Arch & Joann Blair)

10:00 A.M. **Charles & Martha Lee†**
 (Cork & Joanne Potts)

NOV. 25 **MONDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Steve Eisenhauer†**
 (Karen Eisenhauer)

NOV. 26 **TUESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Chuck & Mary Taskalines**
 (Libby Magnone)

NOV. 27 **WEDNESDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Sondra Menendez†**
 (Menendez Family)

NOV. 28 **THURSDAY**
 9:00 A.M. **Deceased Members of the**
 St. Vincent de Paul Society†

NOV. 29 **FRIDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Bob Yeater†**
 (Maggie Yeater)

NOV. 30 **SATURDAY**
 4:00 P.M. **Frank Halley†**
 (Mary Ann Henderson)

DEC. 1 **SUNDAY**
 8:00 A.M. **Georgetta Ledbetter†**
 (Kitty Pazyk)

10:00 A.M. **Albert & Margaret Albertini†**
 (Alma & Larry Cunningham)

Please note that Mass on
 Thanksgiving Day
 is at 9:00 am

The second collection this weekend (Nov. 23-24)
 is for **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

11/30 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans/M. Klug
 12/1 8:00 a.m. Rose Hess/John Hess
 12/1 10:00 a.m. C. Kesslering/J. Kuskey

Altar Servers:

11/30 4:00 p.m. Volunteer
 12/1 8:00 a.m. Kent
 12/1 10:00 a.m. Swift

Gift Bearers:

11/30 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec
 12/1 8:00 a.m. Mark Hitt
 12/1 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of November 25, 2019

John Harrigan & Lori Laberde

Greeters:

11/30 4:00 p.m. Gina & Mark Hedrick
 12/1 8:00 a.m. Paula Whitwam & Lottie Durbin
 12/1 10:00 a.m. Kuskey Family

Bingo: November 29, 2019

Raffle: Diane Barker

Kitchen: Sue Church

COLLECTION: November 10, 2019

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| Envelopes | \$ 2857.00 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 803.00 |
| Building Repairs | \$ 994.00 |
| Catholic University | \$ 10.00 |
| All Saints | \$ 30.00 |
| Memorial Offerings | \$ 560.00 |
| Pennies for God | \$ 7.61 |

Attendance - 306



Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

Church Office Phone: 304-845-1593

Church Hall Phone: 304-845-9238

Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080

Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

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sfxmoundville.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:

Prayer Request: Joanne Potts, Mike Davis, Tex Reynolds, Norma Holmes, Marjolea DeBold, Linda Anderson, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Dave Williams, Bobby Kleinedler, Barbara Harris, Joe Church.
Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Rachel Kerekes. **Nursing Home:** Bill Tennant, Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.

Volunteers needed!

The Moundville Area Ministerial Association creates gift bags for the inmates in the prisons and jails at Christmastime. In the past our parish was responsible for donating white socks. This year we are asked to decorate 350 white bags. Come and help us on Sunday, November 24 after 10:00 Mass (11:00) in the Parish Hall. Please bring markers, pens, colored pencils, crayons, stencils, stamps and stamp pads if you have them. Not allowed: glitter, stickers, glue or anything that attaches to the bags. If you would like to help and cannot make it on Sunday, then stop in the office during office hours and we will set you up in the back office with art supplies.

Lift

A retreat for all high school students
Prayer, snow tubing, new friends, food fun!

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED:

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Musicians, Singers, and Altar Servers. Our Sunday celebration of Mass involves so many people; we are particularly grateful for those who assist as Liturgical Ministers. All ministries allow us to offer up our talents, however small, our time and our love to our Lord and to our brothers and sisters at Saint Francis Xavier. At this time, we would like to renew our call for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Please call the office if you are interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Nov. 24** - 11 pm Prison gift bag project in the Parish Hall
- Nov. 24** - 3 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service St. Jude Church
- Nov. 28** - 9 am Thanksgiving Day Mass
- Dec. 5** - 11 am Mass at Cameron Nursing Home
- Dec. 13** - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- Dec. 15** - 11am Decorate the Church
- Dec. 15** - 4 pm Communal Penance Service
- Dec. 17** - 11am Mass at Moundview
- Dec. 21** - 9 am Deliver flowers to shut-ins

CORRECTION

The next Fish Fry will be on December 13th. It was printed incorrectly in the bulletin last weekend. Fish Fries will be every **2nd Friday of the Month** until Ash Wednesday.

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week
for:

Inez Rakoski

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“CHRISTMAS POLAR EXPRESS VENTURE”

Come join the celebration as SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN depart to ride the Polar Express on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Help bring joy to area special needs children by gathering as they leave for this exciting adventure. Please come to John Marshall High School at 1pm on December 7th and spread holiday cheer.

Our parish is in need of a part time Maintenance Person. Please call the office if interested.
304-845-1593

We are also in need of volunteers to sweep or shovel snow before 8 a.m. Masses. Please contact Father if you can help out in any way.

Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, contact local law enforcement, or contact WV Child Protective Services: 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese, contact this diocesan number: 888-434-6237.



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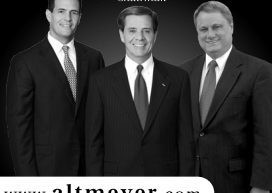


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